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no she did not call me....will reach out to her, thanks

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Did the reporter call you? She called me trying to figure out who Bill Potter was.
I told her. I also advised her to call you to get the story on what else is going on in the lower Passaic.

Regards,
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BY CAROL LAWRENCE

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